

COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 3, 2016
Stoughton Room, Stoughton Area Senior Center

Present: Bob Barnett, Nan Hoffman, Ron Jensen, Don Mix, David Sharpe, Jeanne Schwass-Long, Betty Thompson

Staff Present: Cindy McGlynn, Hollee Camacho

Absent & Excused: David Bacon, Rosalind Gausman, Lou Havlik, Mary Onsager, Charlotte Snow,

Call to order: J. Schwass-Long called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM.

Elections of COA Officers:

- **Chair:** Motion by D. Sharpe to re-elect **Jeanne Schwass-Long**, seconded by B. Barnett; carried unanimously.
- **Vice Chair:** Motion by J. Schwass-Long to re-elect **David Sharpe**, seconded by B. Barnett; carried unanimously.

April Minutes: Moved by D. Mix, and seconded by N.Hoffman to approve; passed unanimously.

Director Comments: Cindy McGlynn

- New this year, the Senior Center purchased two Community Garden plots that some participants have expressed interest in planting and maintaining.
- We have a volunteer that will be helping us plant flowers in time for Syttende Mai.
- For the past 4-5 months we have been struggling with people under the age of 55 years of age who have a lot of needs frequenting our Center. Mainly they are individuals trying to connect with the START program and are often demanding to our staff when they don't get the answers they want. We have had to change our public phone policy to be used for emergency purposes due to its inappropriate use.
- Distributed the COA Self-Evaluation Survey. Please return your completed copies to the front desk. There is an envelope there to keep them anonymous. Hollee will also send them by email for those not in attendance today.

Syttende Mai

- Discussed how Syttende Mai weekend was handled in past years and whether there are any COA members willing to secure the building for this year's parades.
- Kay Davis has volunteered to be here. Please call Cindy if you would like to too.

Strategic Plan: Focus Groups

- Distributed the focus group results summary.
- An ad hoc committee will be developed to look these results over and to identify and prioritize the issues/challenges to focus on in our 5-year Strategic Plan.
- Cindy will send an email to set up the ad hoc committee and meeting.
- Once the COA comes to a consensus on the Plan's focus, the action plans decided on for the Strategic Plan will serve as the "work" of the COA's standing committees.

COA Standing Committees:

- The Standing Committees are Public Relations, Programs, Evaluation, Fund Development and Volunteer. Hollee will again email the COA Bylaws with the committee descriptions. Please review and let Cindy know your preference(s) for which committee(s) you would like to serve on. Cindy will make her own assignments if she does not hear from you.

Legislative Update: The Older Americans Act (OAA) was signed. While the funding amounts will not increase significantly, it is good news that funding and attention on these needs will continue at the federal level. Our nutrition and transportation services are what is affected most by the OAA.

Final remarks:

- Senior Health & Fitness Day is May 25. Tricia did a great job arranging for numerous activities and promotions to be available to our community seniors here at the Center and at other agencies on that day. For more details please see our newsletter and the Senior Health & Fitness Day brochure available at the front desk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No committees will meet until after the completion of the Strategic Plan.

Meeting Adjourned: Moved by D. Sharpe, seconded by B. Barnett to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:35.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 7 at 11:00 a.m.